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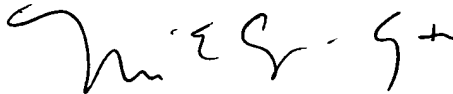
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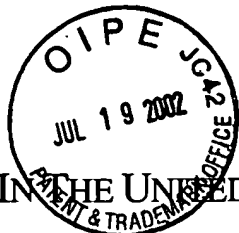
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	10	N. Nakano et al. "Digital Still Camera system for Megapixel CCD", <u>IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics</u> , pp. 581-586, August 1998.						
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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
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